

## SALE SUMMARY

Offered: 100  
 Sold: 95  
 Top: \$2200  
 Gross: \$109,800  
 Average: \$1156

Another regular volume buyer was Vance Nicholls, MJ & PA Nicholls, Lake King, this year going home with eight head and closer to home Matt Cugley, GW & RJ Cugley, Newdegate, bought seven.

Six each went to two others, also both from Newdegate: Ian Lloyd, IF & SJ Lloyd, and Clint Westlake, Top Notch Farm.

Interest and demand was such that 25 potential buyers registered for the sale with all but two, one another stud breeder, not buying from the sale.

One could comment that two factors no doubt had a bearing on the overall result, firstly the high quality of the rams on offer backed by very good wool and carcass figures.

The other factor being the success Ross and Pauline Taylor have with their commercial Prime SAMM enterprise which comprises about 2300 ewes, nothing below F3 status.

This success is witnessed by their outstanding results in recent WAMMCO prime lamb competitions such that in the 2011/12 results a Tiarri consignment of 132 lambs won the overall award and their entry of 337 head in the 300 plus section also was placed first.

The 2013/14 results saw their entry of 110 head entered on February 19 placed second to the overall winners with just three points separating the two consignments.

The Taylors' entry in the top 300+ class went on to be placed fifth this season.

"We lamb down later onto grass and sell most off paddock feed early in the year from January onwards with the balance going into our feedlot," Mr Taylor said.

"Our entry which was placed second in the overall

section this year were off lupin stubble and dressed out at 25.96kgs and were valued at \$4.27 per kilo."

When opening the sale on behalf of the family Kelly-Anne said that they had moved to EID tags and all the other associated technology which is a great tool relative to, among other attributes, genetic selection for joinings considering they are running a flock of more than 1000 stud ewes.

On the result of the sale she later commented that this was more than likely influenced by the prices prime lambs are

bringing, with a number of their clients selling lambs at up to \$145 per head.

"There is good confidence in the industry and we are also finding producers are holding on to first-cross Prime SAMM ewes to gain better lambing percentages and breed an even better second cross lamb," she said.

"The purer they get the better the meat quality plus the bonus of lambing percentage."

Along with the Jefferies brothers being first time buyers there was another "first timer" to the Tiarri sale in Elders auctioneer Nathan King.

It was the first stud sheep sale Mr King has auctioned on behalf of his new company and he was highly complimentary of the Tiarri offering.

Elders stud stock manager Tim Spicer, who has been present at previous Tiarri sales, said the quality was of a very high standard as in past years.

He said producers were keen to buy as they are getting very good returns from commercial sheep which makes a big difference to spending.

Some went home with more rams than usual.